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California Legislature

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Mr. Thomas Howard, Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
PO Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Subject: January 18, 2011 Hearing of Water Right Applications 30358A for the City of Davis and University of California, Davis; and 30358B for the City of Woodland

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am writing in support of the applications for water rights by the City of Davis and the University of California, Davis (UCD), and the City of Woodland.

The cities of Woodland and Davis have historically depended upon only groundwater for drinking water. However, this groundwater supply is not sustainable. Today, these cities are drawing from intermediate or shallow aquifers. Subsidence from overdependence on this water supply could lead to decreased aquifer storage capacity, water quality below drinking water standards, and damage to well casings.

The applicants must develop an additional supply of drinking water to remain good stewards of their aquifers. The cities' applications for water rights will allow diversions from the Sacramento River of 30,000 acre-feet per year (ac-ft/yr) for the City of Davis and UCD, and 15,000 ac-ft/yr for the City of Woodland. This additional water will allow Davis and Woodland to better manage their water supply and maintain water quality standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MARIKO YAMADA
Assemblymember, 8th AD

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